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Applicant: Thomas David Starkey
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO RULE 312

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 312 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, the Applicant respectfully request the entry of the Amendment to the Claims as set forth beginning on page 2 hereof.

Remarks with respect to this proposed amendment begin on page 4.